

## Senate Resolution 336

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Fort of the 39th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Georgia State University College of Law student Cliff Williams; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Cliff is currently a third year law student at Georgia State University College  
4 of Law; and

5 WHEREAS, Cliff worked as an intern with the Georgia Innocence Project, which is an  
6 organization founded in 2002 by two Georgia State University College of Law alumni; and

7 WHEREAS, Cliff led the effort to free wrongfully imprisoned Pete Williams, who was  
8 incarcerated for nearly 22 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Cliff spent months researching and exchanging letters with Mr. Williams and  
10 ultimately found the evidence used at trial that ultimately exonerated Mr. Williams; and

11 WHEREAS, Cliff persuaded the judge to order DNA tests and anxiously awaited the results  
12 that came two months later, which concluded that Mr. Williams's DNA did not match the  
13 DNA found at the crime scene; and

14 WHEREAS, upon graduation, Cliff is interested in pursuing a career in criminal defense,  
15 beginning in a public defender's office in Georgia.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
17 recognize Cliff Williams for his incredible efforts in freeing Mr. Pete Williams after  
18 spending more than 22 years in prison for a crime he did not commit.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Cliff Williams.